

USAID Invites Proposals for Flood Assistance Programs

USAID/Pakistan and USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) are working as part of a broad effort in responding to emergency needs resulting from Pakistan's devastating floods.

OFDA is coordinating closely with Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to validate relief requirements in flood-affected provinces. The U.S. government's response complements the in-process efforts of the NDMA, the Pakistani Military, the United Nations, and international and national non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

USAID is working within a well-established system that is designed to meet acute needs in the most efficient, expeditious way possible. In addition to the immediate deployment of relief commodities including rescue boats and water filtration units, OFDA is supporting international and national NGOs to assist affected populations.

This week, USAID mobilized a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to coordinate and manage the U.S. response in support of Pakistan's government, monitor assistance requirements, and to quickly fill identified gaps.

OFDA invites national NGOs to apply to receive funding for programs that contribute to this response. This response fund is managed in Pakistan by Concern Worldwide.

More information about the Concern "RAPID" fund, including all relevant application documents, is available online at: http://www.concern-pak.org.pk/Rapid_Main.htm

Interested organizations should start by reading the RAPID Fund Fact Sheet, which will answer most questions about the funding mechanism, and then complete the Financial Management Self-Assessment Form. It is important to note that only registered non-profit, non-governmental organizations that are legally permitted to provide humanitarian aid by the Pakistani authorities are eligible to apply.

After reading the online documentation, if you have any further questions about the RAPID fund grant, you can email assistant.programrapid@concern.net. National non-governmental organizations should not send proposals directly to the DART or contact the team directly.